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### KPD offers assistance and resources for victims of domestic violence

LĪHU'E — The Kaua'i Police Department's dispatchers have reported a slight uptick in the number of domestic violence-related calls.

"The most important thing is that we want to let victims know that we are there for them and that there is hope and they are not alone," said Gina Kaulukukui, Domestic Violence Interventions Coordinator at KPD. "It is important that victims have a safety plan in place. A good safety plan does not mean that the victim has to leave the relationship, which at the moment, may not even be an option."

Kaulukukui offers assistance and various resources for victims of domestic violence. She helps victims in a number of ways, including navigating resources, acquiring temporary restraining orders (TROs) and safety planning.

One of the resources that she refers victims to is the YWCA Kaua'i's crisis line where help can be reached 24/7 at 245-6362. The organization's family violence shelter also remains available for individuals and families who are not safe at home.

Additionally, there is a National Domestic Violence Hotline that victims can call at 800-799-7233 (SAFE), which provides an extra layer of anonymity. They can also text LOVEIS to 22522 for help.

Child and Family Service does not have a crisis line but they do offer services to domestic violence victims and can be reached at 245-5914.



If making a phone call isn't safe for the victim, they can also contact the Crisis Text Line and text ALOHA to 741-741.

"We also ask that our community please be the eyes and ears for their family, friends and neighbors," said Kaulukukui. "If they suspect abuse, hear or see anything, please contact KPD right away. Sometimes a victim is not able to help themselves."

Kaulukukui can be reached at 241-1695.

For non-emergency calls contact KPD Dispatch at 241-1711. In the event of an emergency, please call or text 911.

Visit <https://ywcakauai.org> or [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org) for more information and resources.

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